

Finance Committee Meeting
Via Zoom
Wednesday, September 23, 2020
6:00 pm

Present: Jay Riley (JR), David DiTullio (DD), Michelle Vasquez, (MV), Dick Trussell (DT), Cheryl Gariepy (CG) Town Finance Director

JR Made a Motion to Call the Meeting to Order at 6:04 pm,

JR Made a Motion to Approve 8/31/2020 Minutes, DT 2nd, Vote 4 Yes, 0 No

- 1) Fire Department – New Vehicle Hybrid vs Gas (Ford Explorer)
 - a) No “green” money available for this fiscal year
 - b) Hybrid cost \$52k plus \$4k for accessories
 - c) Gas cost \$39k
 - d) Since vehicle is used for short trips there may be little benefit with a hybrid vehicle since it would be running on gas
- 2) Council on Aging FY2021 Budget Discussion
 - a) 26% reduction in general expenses such as travel, repairs, meetings, trips.
 - b) The Director is requesting the following
 - i) Add 19 hour position for Community Outreach, additional details regarding cost are needed
 - ii) Add back \$1,000 for meetings/conferences
 - iii) Not reduce budget item for Meals Coordinator
 - c) Repairs for current year have already exceeded current year budget and there are still additional repairs needed to Kitchen

Jay Riley left meeting and Susan Smiley joined meeting 6:26 pm

- 3) Dept of Public Works FY2021 Budget Discussion
 - a) Reduced “Purchased Services” by \$15k.
 - b) Tree Removal reduced from \$18k to \$10k. May need to increase this back to \$18k due to increased tree removal due to weather
- 4) Board of Selectmen Notification for Special Town Meeting
 - a) Need to send formal notice of Special Town Meeting to amend operating budget. Timeframe for meeting will be after Thanksgiving
- 5) Next meeting to discuss budget cuts and requests – possible dates 10/1/20, 10/7/14 or 10/14/20

SS made a motion to Adjourn at 7:20 pm – 2nd by MV, Vote 4 Yes, 0 No